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## AN OLD SETTLER.

### Ran the First Locomotive Into Vinita.

The first man to run a locomotive over the crossing, on the Frisco at Vinita was Frank Skinner. He was at that time firing for a man named Wissell, on engine No. 4. The crossing had just been put in and Straw, the track laying boss, asked that the engine be run over to settle it before the Katy passenger train, which was up by the grave yard, passed over it. Mr. Skinner accordingly ran it over and back. Frank believed about the only man here at that time who is in Vinita today is W. T. Beatty, who started the first blacksmith shop in the town. The first house put up, so Mr. Skinner says, was a railroad boarding house put up for Tom Johnson and his wife. Johnson moved to California, Mo., and afterwards to Springfield, where he committed suicide. Jim Bennett was the Frisco line repairer and a little later on a man named Peabody, remembered by a good many of our people, was agent. After working on the Vinita division for some time, Mr. Skinner went into the company's shops at Springfield and from there up on the North Missouri, now the Missouri Pacific. He then came back and run on several of the Frisco divisions. Having been here 25 years and more, Mr. Skinner feels like traveling around a little and is certainly entitled to some recreation.

### Startled the Supreme Court.

"I wish to present a matter of personal privilege," ex-Senator Wilkinson Call, of Florida, said as he rose and addressed the United States supreme court one day last week. He commanded instant and unusual attention. "A matter of personal privilege," seemed to strike the dignified justices as something new in practice and likely to prove interesting. Mr. Call proceeded. He said he had been employed by the Cherokee nation to represent it in a certain case involving the question of citizenship. He went on to recite the circumstances of the passage of a resolution by Cherokee council conferring the employment. After laying that foundation he said he had been notified that an effort would be made to displace him before the court, and he wished to protest in advance against such action. At this point the chief justice tried to stop the ex-senator and to make him understand that his cause was irregular. But Mr. Call paid no more attention to the interruption than was his wont when he was declared out of order in the senate. He kept right on until he had finished his premature talk about his right to represent the Cherokee nation before the supreme court. When Mr. Call sat down William T. Hutchings, of the Indian Territory, arose and said that he had a telegram from the chief of the Cherokee nation saying that Mr. Call did not represent the government. He would at the proper time present the telegram to the court.—Wagoner record.

It is now said the president has definitely determined to allow Judge Springer to serve out his four year term which expired next December.

## UNITED STATES COURT.

The suit of B. F. Martin against Albert Morris for the value of four work oxen pledged to Morris to secure a debt of \$50, which Morris arbitrarily took and sold without Martin's consent, occupied the attention of the court yesterday, and resulted in a verdict for Martin in a judgment for \$35 and costs of the suit.

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Jeff D. Sexton brought suit against Andy Tynon for \$3000 for malicious prosecution and the trial was terminated today in a verdict in favor of Tynon. Sexton had been a leaser on Tynon's farm on Duck creek, and the latter secured an indictment by the grand jury, and prosecuted the former for disposing of lumber and timber from the place. Sexton was acquitted at the last term of court and then instituted suit against Tynon for malicious prosecution.

The name of Sequoyah has been suggested for the coming state to be formed some time out of this territory. The same would be an appropriate one, for Sequoyah was the greatest of all the Cherokees, the inventor of the Cherokee alphabet, justly styled the American Cadmus. Years hence, when the Cherokees as a nation and a people shall be known only in history, the name of Sequoyah will stand out in bold relief as the greatest Indian in the annals of his race.—Ft. Gibson Post.

J. Geo. Wright, United States Indian inspector for the Indian Territory, and perhaps the best authority on the construction and enforcement of law in this country, writing to a gentleman in this city, states that nothing can be done with mineral leases in the Cherokee nation till there is some definite agreement between the Cherokees and the government.

Mayor Buffington remarked yesterday that none but daily newspapers were interesting reading in Vinita any more. The mayor has got so used to reading the news in The Daily Chieftain every afternoon that when he sees the same items rehashed in a weekly they strike him as being very stale. Vinita will never be satisfied without a daily.

J. C. Benedict, the newly appointed superintendent of schools for the Indian Territory, arrived at Muskogee yesterday. Mr. Benedict was a resident of Danville, Ill., and was an educator of prominence in that state. His headquarters will be at Muskogee.—Denison Herald.

The fire insurance companies adjusted the losses caused by the recent fire at Muskogee yesterday. The policies were paid in full amounting to about \$189,000. The work of rebuilding has begun.

The brigadiers who were congressmen, notably Joseph Wheeler, are not to lose their seats in congress, that body declining yesterday by a vote of 87 to 43 to consider the subject.

The Chicago & Alton railroad has been sold, Geo. J. Gould, of the Missouri Pacific, heading the purchasing syndicate.

The railroad hotel service at Muskogee is to be supplied by cars—two dining and two sleeping cars at present.

## A Most Delicious Lunch.

In order to more thoroughly establish the merits of the Calumet Baking Powder we will serve tomorrow in our Grocery room

## Hot Coffee, Cake & Biscuit.

cake and biscuit being made of Afton flour with Calumet Baking Powder. To try either will be sufficient proof of the excellency of flour and powder

## W. R. Badgett Mer. Co.

### Interior Department Ruling.

A telegram was received at this place last Monday stating that the secretary of the interior had ruled that the leasing of pastures and the running of thousands of head of cattle into the Indian Territory would not be allowed. This message when received was a great surprise and became a general topic of conversation from the fact that great areas of lands have already been leased throughout the territory and arrangements have been made to ship in thousands of head of cattle to the territory. This ruling just at this time if rigidly enforced by the interior department, will work great hardship on some of the big cattlemen of the territory and will mean the cutting off of thousands of dollars of revenue to the citizens of the Creek nation who are now deriving comfortable revenues from the rentals of their lands to stockmen. Already large amounts of pasture lands have been leased by the cattlemen of the territory and a number of cattle would soon be shipped to the territory to run on the range the coming summer. At several instances before have the authorities ruled on this matter but never has the declaration came in such strong language as now and there seems to be some uneasiness regarding the same. One stockman alone in Muskogee has already paid out to the colored citizens who have rights in the Creek nation over ten thousand dollars as rental for leased pastures for the coming year. In speaking with some of the big cattlemen they say that they will bring their cattle to the territory and fight the matter to the bitter end.—Phoenix.

Judge Jno. R. Thomas lost a grip the morning of the fire with some "tackles in it," according to the ad. Well, that lets him out of the football game or the fishing business—one or the other.

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## NEW GOODS HAVE ARRIVED

and more are coming every day. We have by far the prettiest and most complete line ever shown in Vinita, and the very

## Latest Styles

Don't purchase elsewhere until you have seen our stock. We have what you want at the

## Lowest Price.

You should see our handsome line of silks. They are very serviceable as well as handsome

## JOHN C. GRAY